



Minutes
TEMPE MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION
December 10, 2014

Minutes of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) recorded at 4 p.m. on December 10, 2014, within the Tempe Center of the Arts, 201 Lounge, 700 W Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ 85281.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Susan Bendix
Celina Chiarello
Christine Cirillo-Ching
Hilary Harp
Pat Konomos
Kiyomi Kurooka
David Lucier
Robert Moore
Kelly Nelson – Chair
Gail Natale

City Staff Present:

None

Guest(s) Present:

Jerry Allen, The Cultural Planning Group
David Plettner-Saunders, The Cultural Planning Group

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celeste Plumlee

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order

- Kelly Nelson, TMAC Chair, called the TMAC meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Tempe Arts Plan Discussion – Cultural Planning Group

- **Kelly Nelson**, TMAC Chair, thanked the commission members for their work and efforts in the first public art docent event during the Tempe Festival of the Arts, December 5-7, 2014. A total of seven commissioners participated and spoke with 170 members of the public about public art in downtown Tempe.

- **David Plettner-Saunders and Jerry Allen**, consultants from the Cultural Planning Group, introduced themselves and then described the process underway to create a Tempe arts and culture master plan. Discussion highlights included:
 - Plans for extensive community engagement to take place between December 2014 and March 2015. A written plan will then be produced that will be vetted by the community and presented to City Council for approval sometime in the summer of 2015.
 - Forces driving change in the culture at large, arts funding, the suspension by City Council of the percent for art ordinance, and the role and authority of the Municipal Arts Commission.
 - The consultants presented the feedback of the Commission members and steering committee from the online survey they completed in advance of the meeting.
 - J. Allen led a group discussion about the Municipal Arts Commission, including the questions of how the commission is working, challenges it is facing, and how those challenges could potentially be addressed.
 - The consultants requested assistance from the Commission members in helping with community engagement for the planning process. Specifically, they requested that the commission members promote attendance at the February 3, 2015 Town Hall meeting, as well as participation in the upcoming community online survey.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

- None

Agenda Item 4 - Adjournment

- The next Tempe Municipal Arts Commission (TMAC) meeting will be held at 6pm on January 14, 2015 at Tempe Public Library, Board Room, 3500 S Rural Road, Tempe, AZ 85282.
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.**

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